

Budding pharmacist inspired by bursary

Growing up in Amalinda, East London with her mother and two younger siblings, Grace Kachoko dreamed of becoming a pharmacist in her local community. Soon this dream will become a reality as Kachoko is now studying BPharm at Nelson Mandela University thanks to a bursary from the Shoprite Group.

“I always wanted to do community pharmacy so after school I decided to study a pharmacy technician course,” explains Kachoko.

“After graduating in 2015, I got a job at MediRite Amalinda. I then discovered that Shoprite offered bursaries so I took the opportunity to enroll for my BPharm.”

Now in her first year at Nelson Mandela University, Kachoko says the bursary was a huge relief as it was difficult for her mother to raise three children alone.

“It’s not just financial support that helps. I am now guaranteed a job at MediRite and I really enjoy working there. Shoprite knows how to show they care about their people and hopefully I will even get the chance to do my Masters degree.”

With 58% of unemployed South Africans aged 15 - 34 and a shortage of funding for many students in need, the Shoprite Group is searching for bright, hard-working young people like Grace Kachoko who need financial support in order to continue their post-school education.

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